

**Report of the State Board of Education
Committee on School Initiatives
Thursday, November 16, 2023**

The State Board of Education Committee on School Initiatives met at 9:05 a.m. on Thursday, November 16, 2023, in Room #1-111 of the William B. Travis Building, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas. Attendance was noted as follows:

Present: Will Hickman, chair; Rebecca Bell-Metereau; Staci Childs; L.J. Francis; Julie Pickren

Non-committee members present: Audrey Young; Aicha Davis

Public Testimony

The Committee on School Initiatives heard public testimony on agenda item #4 and #6. Information regarding the individuals who presented public testimony is included in the discussion of that item.

DISCUSSION ITEM

1. Open-Enrollment Charter School Generation 29 Application Updates
(Board agenda page IV-1)

Marian Schutte, executive director, authorizing division, presented information on the Generation 29 Open-Enrollment Charter Application process including goals, timeline, summary, and submission information.

ACTION ITEM

2. Review of Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 229, Accountability System for Educator Preparation Programs
(Board agenda page IV-2)
[Official agenda item #8]

Mark Olofson, director of educator data, research, and strategy, explained that the proposed amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 229, Accountability System for Educator Preparation Programs, would provide for adjustments to the 2022–2023 *Accountability System for Educator Preparation (ASEP) Manual*, clarify the system for accreditation assignments, clarify provisions for continuing approval reviews, and make technical updates. Dr. Olofson added that this proposal was adopted unanimously by the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC).

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mr. Francis, seconded by Dr. Bell-Metereau, and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education take no action on the proposed amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 229, Accountability System for Educator Preparation Programs.*

DISCUSSION ITEMS

3. Discussion of Ongoing State Board for Educator Certification Activities
(Board agenda page IV-58)

Emily Garcia, associate commissioner, educator preparation, certification, and enforcement, shared updates on current and upcoming SBEC activities and proposed SBEC rules and amendments.

4. Discussion of Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 61, School Districts, Subchapter A, Board of Trustees Relationship, §61.2 Nomination of Trustees for Military Reservation School Districts and Boys Ranch Independent School District
(Board agenda page IV-60)

Public testimony was provided by the following individuals:

NAME: Brian Holt
AFFILIATION: Randolph Field Independent School District

NAME: Jimmy Cornelius
AFFILIATION: Randolph Field Independent School District

Steve Lecholop, deputy commissioner, governance, explained that TEA staff will present proposed rules for the SBOE to consider for first reading and filing authorization at a future meeting.

5. Discussion of Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 61, School Districts, Subchapter A, Board of Trustees Relationship, §61.1, Continuing Education for School Board Members
(Board agenda page IV-64)

Mr. Lecholop explained that TEA staff will present proposed rules for the SBOE to consider for first reading and filing authorization at a future meeting. Dr. Young presented information to the committee.

6. Discussion of Revisions to Required School Safety Training for School District Trustees
(Board agenda page IV-71)

Invited testimony was provided by the following individual:

NAME: Celina Bley, Ph.D.
AFFILIATION: Texas School Safety Center

John Scott, chief of school safety and security, explained that the Texas School Safety Center has suggested updates to the school safety training required for school district trustees. He added that the updates would be presented at a future SBOE meeting for consideration for approval.

The meeting of the Committee on School Initiatives adjourned at 11:35 a.m.